

Welcome! GCDRA AGM will begin at 19:00

Monday 11th April 2022



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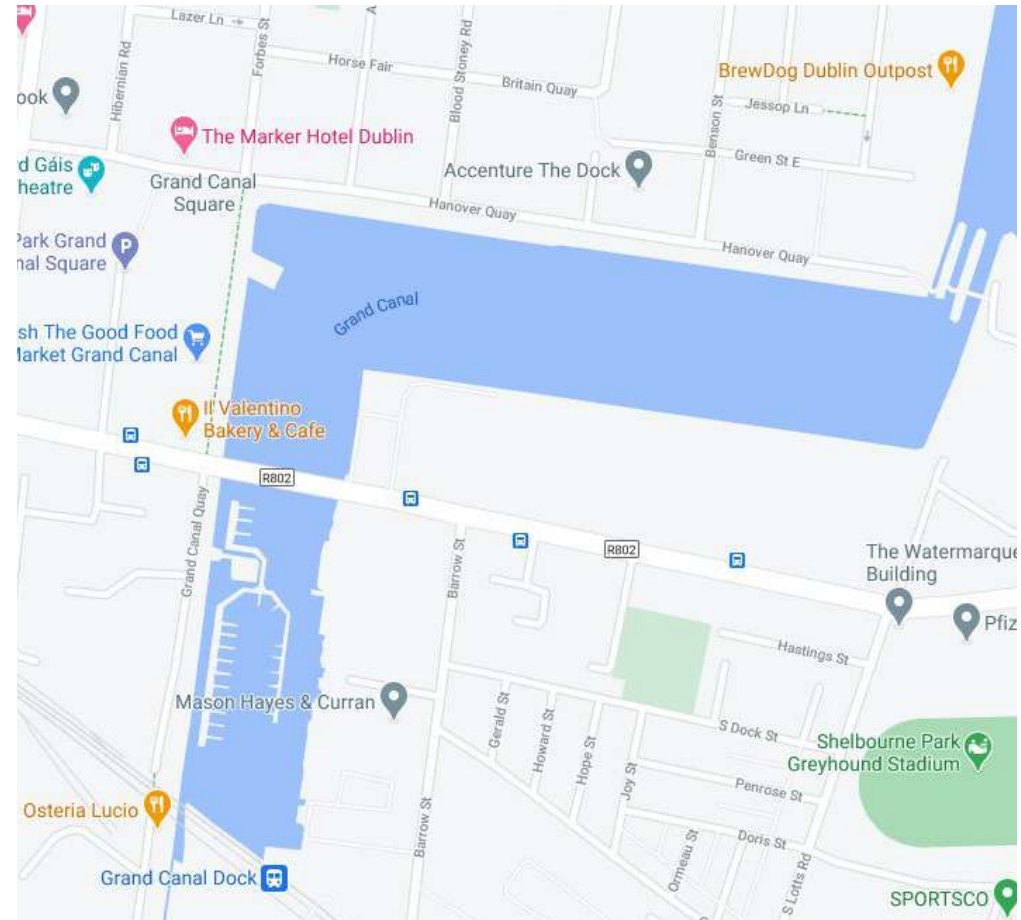
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In memory of Hubert McCormack

About GCDRA

- Established in 2015
- To build community
- To enhance the quality of life for residents in the Grand Canal Dock area



Who we are

Committee 2021-2022

- Teresa Hackett (Chair)
 - Michael Ingle (Vice-Chair)
 - Suzanne McArdle (Secretary)
 - Hubert McCormack (Co-Treasurer)
 - Marcus Reid (Co-Treasurer)
 - Federica Zambelli (Communications)
 - Brigid Walsh
 - Dermot McLaughlin
 - Elvera Butler
 - Eoghan Whelan
 - Erica McKinney
- 11 members from 6 developments
 - 8 online committee meetings

Thank you to 2021-2022 Committee!



Who we are

Members

- Membership is informal
- No membership fee
- 800+ residents (private mailing list and Facebook)



What we do

- Organise activities and community events
- Work to improve the management of the area
- Respond to planning applications & public consultations
- Representation: Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (statutory body to advise DCC on Docklands)
- Publish Directory of Local Services at gcdra.ie



**GRAND CANAL DOCK
DIRECTORY OF LOCAL SERVICES
AND USEFUL INFORMATION**

COMPILED BY

**GRAND CANAL DOCK
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Grand Canal Dock Residents Association AGM 2022

**Activities in 2021-22
Plans for 2022-2023**



Teresa Hackett, Chair GCDRA



Building community

2 community walks, 2 webinars, 1 raffle Walks

- Community walk to Sandymount Beach (July 2021)
- Historical Walking Tour, *Pat Liddy* (October 2021)

Webinars

- Balcony Planting, *Maria Canavan, Horticulturist* (March 2021)
- Building Personal Resilience and Wellbeing *Jessica Lee, Organisational Psychologist* (January 2022)

Raffle

- December 2021: 'Light up for Christmas' balcony photos. *2 lucky residents got vouchers from Herbstreet and Nutbutter*

Improve management of GCD area

Lockdown 2021 – what we did

- Working Group: Michael, Eoghan, Dermot, Teresa (March - November 2021)
- Wrote urgently to political representatives and stakeholders (TDs, DCC councillors and Chief Executive, Garda (Commissioner and Pearse St), Waterways Ireland, OMCs)
- Convened urgently high level stakeholder meeting with DCC, Apleona, Garda, Waterways Ireland, local businesses
- Presented 'book of evidence' with resident experiences, photos and videos



Improve management of GCD area

Lockdown 2021 – what we did

- Kept residents informed - 8 news updates, forum to share experiences
- Made our community visible - distributed posters, Big Belly Bins



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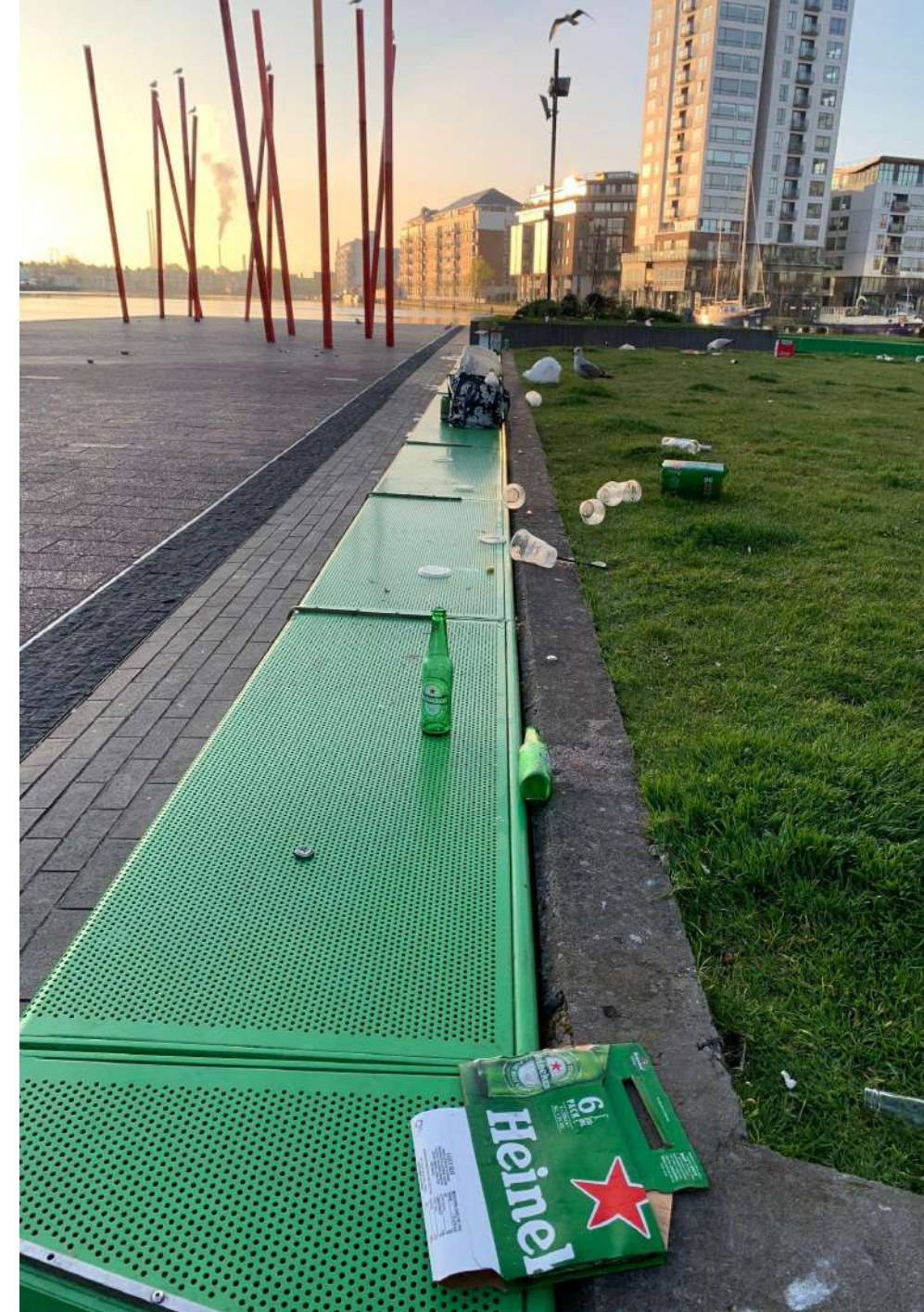
Lockdown 2021 – what we achieved

- Immediate attention of the authorities
- Mobilized a co-ordinated response of all stakeholders
- Significant extra resources: Garda patrols, Public Order Unit, private security guards, enhanced litter and cleaning routines, power washing on Square, Waterways Ireland deep clean of their area



Lockdown 2021 – what we learnt

- Value of residents association
- Importance of relations with political representatives and administrators
- People care about GCD!



Infrastructure – planning & development

1 public consultation (February 2022)

Draft Dublin Development Plan 2022-2028

- ensuring affordable housing in the area
- more green spaces and better use of 'blue spaces'
- future of the Graving Docks – national heritage site with 30% community use designation. Waterways Ireland (WI) want to sell the site.

We want for the Graving Docks

- WI to explore all options to keep the Graving Docks in public ownership
- DCC to review zoning status to protect site
- a process of co-design with the community and other stakeholders
- to become an additional amenity for Dublin city residents and visitors



Infrastructure – planning & development

Graving Docks (dry dock to make and repair boats)

Working Group 2022 (Michael, Eoghan, Dermot, Teresa).

Next steps:

- Follow up on meeting with Minister Noonan, work with other likeminded groups e.g. IWA
- Develop high level objectives for what we want and timeline of expected developments
- Engage with TCD scholars on the site
- Idea: host a summer workshop on what residents would like to see done with the Graving Docks site (with TCD Unit 18?)



GCDRA met Michael Noonan, Minister of State for Heritage & Environment, Claire Byrne, DCC Councillor, October 2021

Plans for 2022-2023

Building community: face-to-face events e.g. community walks, Windmill Lane Studios (TBD)

Infrastructure: development of the Graving Docks is a priority



Thank you!

Questions?



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2022-2023 Committee

- 8 members of current committee have put themselves forward for 2022-2023
 - Teresa Hackett, Michael Ingle, Eoghan Whelan, Federica Zambelli, Dermot McLaughlin, Marcus Reid (ex-officio), Brigid Walsh, Elvera Butler
 - Erica McKinney, Suzanne McArdle (Resigned) - Thank You for your Work!
- One new nomination received: Des Fitzgerald.
- Fewer nominations than places available, so an election is not necessary.

If you are interested in joining the committee please contact gcdresidentsassociation@gmail.com



Areas where help is needed: fundraising, representation, comms

Meetings held on Monday evenings and generally take place every 6 weeks.

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Video

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/waterways-ireland-plans-to-sell-grand-canal-graving-docks-1.4484452>





Thank you

Website & Facebook for upcoming events
www.gcdra.ie

